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Sir:

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The relevance of documents A1, A3 and A4 is described in the present specification. English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts have been provided. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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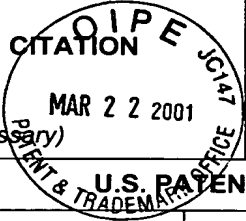
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	A1	60-137198	07/85	JAPAN			ABS.
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	A4	MANCHESTER et al., "IP Over Sonet", <i>IEEE Communications Magazine</i> , pp. 136-142, (1998)					
	A5	CHOI, "Parallel Scrambling Techniques For Digital Multiplexers", <i>AT&T Technical Journal</i> , Vol. 65(5):122-136, (1986)					
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